



Trinity United Church of Christ

“A Season of Welcome”

September 17, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

“Extravagant Forgiveness”

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ:
***We exist to Love people where they are and
encourage them to grow in their relationship
with Jesus Christ.***

*Meditation of the Week: "Forgiveness is a strange thing. It
can sometimes be easier to forgive our enemies than our
friends. It can be hardest of all to forgive people we love."*

- Fred Rogers

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

*This is a **Safe and Loving Place**, a “Sanctuary” for
worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that ‘**No
Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey,
You are Welcome Here!***

Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by
Hannah Matthews

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

*Call to Community (Inspired by Psalm 103) Moriah Marr

L: Bless the Holy One with our whole selves. Praise the Maker
of our being!

**P: Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our
God.**

L: The Sovereign One endows us with many gifts and equips us
to do good work.

**P: Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our
God.**

L: Holy Love entered the world without condemnation but with
grace and forgiveness, mercy and compassion, redemption and
restoration.

**P: Hallelujah! We give thanks for the mighty deeds and the
good works of our God!**

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you

Pass a sign of God’s Peace to one another.

*Opening Hymn: “O My Soul, Bless Your Creator” (#13 NCH)

Call To Reconciliation

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**God of grace, we need your strength in our weakness. We
confess that we can be judgmental and hyper-critical of
our neighbors, family, and friends. We project our own
shortcomings on others in order to deflect attention from
our mistakes. We withhold and condition forgiveness,
mercy, and grace from those who wrong us at the same
time we seek it for the wrongs we have done. Even still,**

we struggle to forgive ourselves. You have shown us the better way. Help us to follow your path—receiving and extending forgiveness in a world in need of an infusion of grace for transformation. In your mercy, O God, hear our prayer, and let us forgive as you forgive. Amen.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31 Moriah Marr
Crossing the Red Sea

Second Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 Pastor Katie
Parable of Forgiveness

The Message *Forgiven* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response “Jesus I Live to You” (#457 NCH)

Invitation to Generosity

*Doxology (sung)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessing Our Gifts

Merciful God, receive our gifts as a testimony to our gratitude and our love. May they be magnified and multiplied for the benefit of our community and all creation. Amen

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”
(#551 NCH)

* **Benediction**

God is good

All of the time!

All of the time

God is Good!

Go in peace! Amen

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Postlude:** Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

Adapted from: After Pentecost 16A - September 17 -
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Fellowship!

Please join us downstairs following worship today for fellowship and a light snack.

Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Pianist
Moriah Marr	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

September 24, 2023 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Exodus 16:2-15 Matthew 20:1-6

Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or

wsmdem@comcast.net

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: \$886.69

Attendance: 27 Building Fund/Fundraising: \$185.00

Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.

Prayer List

Please fill out the blue prayer card found in the pew for anyone who is in need of prayer. Include the person's name, your name and the date. Give to Pastor Katie or Secretary Diane

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

October Newsletters - Monday, September 25

Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, October 4 @ 7pm

Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

PPR – TBA

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price.

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks

Carolyn Brooks, by Leslie Brooks

Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother

James Penick, Pastor Katie's father

Dorothy Benedict, friend of Belva LaMotte

Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz

Get Involved in Worship

We are seeking more volunteers to serve in various roles.

If you are interested in serving as a **lay reader, media operator, greeter, usher, or helping with children's church**, please let Worship Committee know.

Even if you are unable to make it to worship in person, there are ways you can **serve as a reader from home**. Many hands make much lighter work for everyone!

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